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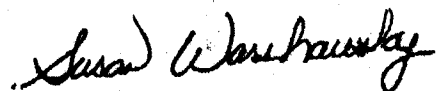
Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

I am concerned that the antitrust settlement reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice is not yet concrete. Nine states now, including Kansas, are actively seeking to overturn the terms of agreement and bring further litigation against the Microsoft Corporation. Our American IT industry has come to a standstill while this decision has been drawn out.

Sir, as you are well aware, Microsoft and the Department of Justice came to this agreement after a long process of negotiation overseen by a court-appointed mediator. The terms of this settlement are equitable, both from the standpoint of Microsoft and its competitors. Microsoft has agreed to a broad range of terms, including, but not limited to, the disclosure of various integral line code, protocols, and interfaces within the Windows operating system, as well as reasonable, non-discriminatory licensing of applicable intellectual property rights.

I do not believe it is necessary to keep the case open any longer. I am satisfied that justice has been done. For the good of the American economy and the American IT industry, I urge you to let the settlement be approved.

Sincerely,



Susan Warshawsky